This is Sunday, March 12, 1967, beginning the interview with LAYTON MARTENS in the office of Alvin Oser, Assistant District Attorney. Present are Alvin Oser, Jim Alcock, Milton Brenner, Attorney for Mr. Martens, and LAYTON MARTENS.

Q. You want to tell us when you first met DAVE FERRIE and under what circumstances?

A. Well, I met him in the Civil Air Patrol in 1958 when I became a C.A.P. Cadet.

Q. Where was he living at the time, if you can recall?

A. I think at that time he lived

Q. Do you know the street?

A. I think it was off the Airline Highway near Moisant Airport.

Q. Could it have been African Drive or Clay Street?

A. No, I remember he lived on African Drive, but before that it was Airline Park or something like that.

Q. You don't recall the particular street?

A. I think he lived on the main street when you turn off the highway.

Q. At this particular time, were you close to him or was he just an instructor in charge of the C.A.P. Unit or what?

A. At that time, he was just an instructor. I knew he was an officer.

Q. Who did you join with? Were you by yourself or were you with some friends?

A. No, I knew some friends of mind were in the C.A.P. while I was in high school. My brother was a C.A.P. Cadet for four (4) years, so I decided to join.

Q. Where were you living at this time?

A. In 1958, I think I was on Arabella Street.

Q. Arabella Street? What's your brother's name?

A. EDWARD.

Q. Where do you live now?

A. I live in Lafayette. I am a student at USL.

Q. What are you taking? What are you majoring in?

A. Music Education.

Q. Music Education? How long have you been up there?

A. Since '61, two semesters.

Q. Did you know, bringing up dates and such, or see DAVE FERRIE in '61?

A. Yes.

Q. And how did you know him at this time? through the C.A.P.?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there a time that you were staying at his residence?

A. Yes.

Q. What year was that?

A. That was in '63.

Q. '63? November of '63? You were staying in his residence in November of '63? How do you recall November 1963?

A. Because of the assassination. I came down in December. This Office contacted me and asked me to make a statement.

Q. You didn't go on a trip to Houston with them, did you?

A. No, as a matter of fact, I didn't know of any such trip. The only knowledge I knew of it was through the news. This is the statement I gave before.

Q. Where was he living at this time?

A. This was Louisiana Avenue.

Q. Parkway?

A. Parkway, right.

Q. Were you living there at this time?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you move in?

A. Oh, I think it was about a two-week period that I stayed at his place just as a transition. I was living at my place at the time.

Q. Was the two-week period in the month of November or could it have been late October or November or do you recall?

A. The best as I can remember, it was during the time around the assassination right in the middle of the two weeks.

Q. Was he working for WRAY GILL at this time?

A. Yes.

Q. Was he working on the LA SALLE (?) Trial at this time, if you can recall?

A. To my knowledge now, if I am not mistaken in December, I believe he was working for GILL and on the LA SALLE (?) Trial. Apparently, this was specifically what he was working on at that time.

Q. Is there any way we could document this two-week period by where you lived prior to it and you rented an apartment subsequent to this day? Is there any way you could pin-point it exactly?

A. Oh, I think so.

Q. Where were you just prior to (inaudible) ?

A. 6515 Camp Street.

Q. Who were you living with there?

A. My younger sister.

Q. And where did you go when you left?

A. I got an apartment on Dumaine Street, 522.

Q. 522 Dumaine Street? Did you have a lease?

A. No.

Q. From whom did you rent? Do you recall?

A. I don't remember his name.

Q. Do you think there is some record of it that you first rented?

A. Probably.

Q. How long did you stay at this apartment on Dumaine?

A. I was there, I would say, for about two months.

Q. Two months?

A. Two months and then I went back to school.

Q. How did you pay the rent? by check, cash?

A. Cash.

Q. Cash? Did you go to FERRIE'S house much prior to this two-week period?

A. Yes.

Q. In the year of '63?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall being there much in September of '63?

A. Yes.

Q. How many times did you say you were there in September of '63?

A. Oh, just an estimate, about a couple times a week.

Q. Oh, that's all? To your knowledge, did he have a roommate during this time?

A. No, JIM LEWELLEN (?) may have stayed there then. I remember calling long distance; it had been in the news and of course on the news reports say LEWELLEN (?) roomed with him. It's possible, it's possible. I don't remember definitely.

Q. You weren't up there constantly during this period, were you?

A. Well, not constantly, but frequently.

Q. Do you remember the month? Are you able to recall the month of September with any kind of clarity or are you just more or less assuming things from the present?

A. Well, I have been thinking about it. Yes, I do recall the month.

Q. What makes you recall the month?

A. Well, a girl I met at that time.

Q. Oh. On these occasions that you went to his apartment, say in September of '63, did you meet anyone else over there at that time?

A. Oh, there was always a lot of people. There was always a lot of people over at Dave's house. Just a lot of old friends, some I went to school with and who are still in the C.A.P.

Q. Do you recall the names of any of the people more particularly at this time period that you met over there or saw over there?

A. JIM LEWELLEN (?), I'd seen him, JOHN (inaudible), an old friend of mind; I met this fellow DANTE.

Q. MAROCHINI?

A. I saw a picture in the paper, I think it is the same fellow. AL BEAUBOUEF,

Q. You recall seeing anyone there that you didn't know?

A. No.

Q. You ever recall seeing any Latin-type people there?

A. No, not in '63.

Q. Well, do you ever recall seeing any Latin-type people there?

A. Oh, ocassionally, I think ARCACHA may have been there.

Q. SERGIO ARCACHA?

A. Let's see, that would have been in '61. I don't think FERRIE lived on Louisiana Parkway in '61. No, no, I don't think so.

Q. Where did you meet CLAY SHAW?

A. I met CLAY SHAW, it was Mardi Gras, two years ago (inaudible) got arrested and before I met him, he was wearing a long black cloak with a hood. He was dressed like a monk.

Q. This was Mardi Gras Day?

A. Mardi Gras Day.

Q. Where did you meet him?

A. Oh, I think on Bourbon Street.

Q. What brought up the meeting? How did you happen to meet him?

A. Some of the people I was with knew him and saw each other and said "How do you do?".

Q. Have you been in his apartment?

A. Yes.

Q. I take it, from this casual meeting, that you became to know him a little better?

A. Right.

Q. How many times have you been at his apartment, if you can recall?

A. Oh, maybe five (5) times.

Q. Was his apartment on Dauphine Street?

A. Right.

Q. 1313? Did you meet any other people through MR. SHAW?

A. Oh, yes and no, not anyone I can remember but sometimes I was at his place and there would be friends and I would be introduced and so I don't remember any one.

Q. No one stood out in your mind?

A. No.

Q. We can't pinpoint this, would this have been Mardi Gras Day '65 or '64 or ?

A. Oh, let's see. That would have been '65.

Q. '65? You didn't know him prior to that time?

A. No.

Q. Who were you with who knew him, to date back?

A. Oh, I was with a group of people. I think some friends from San Francisco who introduced me to him.

Q. What was his name? her name?

A. Oh, let's see. He may have been DONALD DOODY.

Q. DONALD DOODY? D O O D Y? Is he from "Frisco"?

A. Oh, I think so. I think so.

Q. Where did you meet him?

A. Through some people I know here.

Q. You recall anyone else that you were with on that day that introduced you to CLAY SHAW?

A. Oh, I think the people that was with me may have said "hello" to him.

Q. How did you come to first go to his apartment? What was the occasion for that?

A. Oh, well, I heard, someone told me he was a very good chest player, so I asked to challenge him to a game some day since then (inaudible)

Q. But principally that's what you did when you went over there to play chest?

A. Yes.

Q. You don't recall anyone else being present by name on any occasion that you went over there?

A. Well, a friend of CLAY'S, I think that visits him sometime his name is BILL.

Q. Do you know his last name?

A. No.

Q. What does he look like?

A. Oh, he would be a heavy-set fellow, slightly balding, receding hairline.

Q. About this time, were you friendly with or a companion of DAVID FERRIE, Mardi Gras of '65?

A. No, I disassociated with FERRIE in '63.

Q. You disassociated yourself? Why?

A. Twice for knowing him, I was arrested; and twice was enough and trouble seemed to follow the man, so I just parted company.

Q. Did you know him to be "gay"?

A. FERRIE? Oh, we used to talk about it while I was a Cadet Well, you know, I knew there was no women around but I had never heard anyone say that he had done anything and I remember back in '61, someone accused him of it but nothing ever came out of it.

Q. You know about the charge, BROGETTE (phonetically spelled) something like that?

A. Yes, LINDA BRIDGETTE (?).

Q. At the time you knew FERRIE, he never talked about the homosexuals?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever discuss politics with you?

A. Oh, no more than anyone else.

Q. Well, how about the Cuban situation? Wasn't he pretty active with MR. ARCACHA?

A. In 1961, yes.

Q. Over his general feelings, if he ever (inaudible) revealed anything?

A. Well, this is what strikes me as peculiar because I knew the man to be very pro-Kennedy, very anti-Castro, very anti-Communist.

Q. He has said much to you on occasion?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Did you ever know him to participate in the running of guns or ammunition or anything else like that to Cuba?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever tell you about flying anybody to Cuba?

A. No. I doubt that he ever had.

Q. When was the last time you talked to CLAY SHAW?

A. Ah, I spoke with him briefly a day or so after we were here in December. MR. OTILLIO, a detective, picked me up and picked CLAY SHAW up at the same time also and we both came down for questions and I saw him about a day or so later and asked him what it was all about and he said that OSWALD apparently knew someone by the name of CLAY living in the French Quarter so they wanted to know if it was me.

Q. That was the last time you talked with him in December? December of what year was that, December of what year was that?

A. Just past.

Q. Just past?

A. Yes, 1966.

Q. Have you seen or spoken to him since then?

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you visited his apartment?

A. I think it was at that time. The last time I saw him.

Q. Did he ever make any homosexual overture to you?

A. None what so ever.

Q. Did you hear about him being homosexual?

A. Oh, I heard this. I've heard this before but I don't know.

Q. Did you ever see at his house on occasions any Spanish people?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever see any females over at his house there?

A. Yes, there was a young girl I was trying to meet for some time, apparently a good friend of his, I don't know.

Q. What was her name?

A. I don't remember, it was a while back.

Q. Did FERRIE know CLAY SHAW?

A. No, I don't think he did.

Q. What makes you say that?

A. Well, since I saw things staggered, I've been hearing this in the news and I think if FERRIE had known CLAY, or OSWALD, or any of these people, I think probably I would have known of this or at least heard of it.

Q. Well, let me ask you this; did you ever tell CLAY SHAW that you knew DAVID FERRIE?

A. That's possible, that's possible, I don't know.

Q. How about in December of '65, I mean '66, when you were both questioned at this time, did you mention that you knew DAVID FERRIE?

A. I may have told him that. Probably not, because I hadn't even thought about FERRIE until it came out in the news.

Q. Well, when was the last time you spoke to DAVID FERRIE?

A. I guess it would have been a few days after the assassination because I have been trying to remember if I, did I see him at that time or not, because I felt I had and I thought if he was around and apparently he wasn't, so I guess the last time I spoke to him was whenever I was released.

Q. You were picked up one time outside of, was it ARCACHA'S house on (inaudible) street?

A. Right. (inaudible), that's the street he was on.

Q. Getting back to September of '63, you recall having gone

maybe twice a week to his apartment, is that correct? And then moved in for two weeks around November?

A. Right. Frequently I knew the man.

Q. What were you doing at this time?

A. I was working, oh let's see, this was in September of '63. Well, I wasn't staying there then. At that time, oh, what's the name of that place? It is a refrigeration place out of the Parish. A refrigeration repair place, I worked there for a short time because it was something to keep going until I found a good job.

Q. You say you weren't staying with FERRIE in September of '63, but you did display a couple times a week? Do you remember if FERRIE had a service station at any time when you knew him?

A. Yes, I do remember. There was a time when I saw him once, when was that? I saw DAVE FERRIE and I think, I am not sure but he did have a service station. I think out on the Veterans Highway, an Esso Station.

Q. Is that about this time? A year or so later, or do you recall?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Are you working now?

A. No, I am a student.

Q. Are you working part-time while going to school?

A. Well, yes, I play. I am a musician.

Q. Oh, are you? What instrument do you play?

A. I play them all, (inaudible) primarily.

Q. And you play for a band or what?

A. (inaudible)

Q. Do you know any Music Teachers at Loyola?

A. No.

Q. Do you know a DR. RICEMAN at Tulane?

A. No.

Q. Do you know AL LANDRY?

A. AL LANDRY. Yes, yes, I think so. Curly hair, black, sloppy, yes.

Q. Did you every see him up at FERRIE'S apartment?

A. Yes, LANDRY was a C.A.P. Cadet.

Q. Did you ever know a girl by the name SANDRA MOFFET?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever see any girls up at FERRIE'S apartment, any young girls?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he have any parties there?

A. You know, it was a"get together".

Q. It was a "get together", what do you mean?

A. Drink a few beers, shoot the breeze and everything. Oh, I would like to drink beer everytime I went over there. Oh, I could say there was always a couple of people, not always, but generally a bunch of people around, three or four or five people.

Q. You recall, say in September of '63, of having any kind, not necessarily a party, but a gathering of young people?

A. Yes, I think (inaudible) a time of two then. I think AL BEAUBOUEF, I remember him there sometimes with the girls and FERRIE around that time had two girls, I think it was.

Q. (to clarify) FERRIE had two girls he was sort of fooling around with at this time. Did you ever know a male nurse that lived with FERRIE? CHARLES CATER?

A. Well, the name rings a bell. CATER. Isn't he involved with KRUSCHEV in some way?

Q. Oh, I don't know.

A. I think I heard FERRIE mention the name concerning the trial in '61. CATER was mixed up in this some way and apparently CATER wasn't a very friendly person to FERRIE.

Q. Oh, I see. Did DAVE make any trips, say in the year '63, say in the early part of '63?

A. Yes, I have been trying to recall this. I spoke to AL BEAUBOUEF one night and asked him to go over this with me and try to remember how this thinghappened and FERRIE was probably out of town as much as he was in town at the time he was working for GILL.

Q. I mean, let's say like the early part of '63, January, February, March?

A. I don't think he was in town.

Q. Oh. Did he have his own plane at this time?

A. Yes,I think so. I think he still had the Stinson.

Q. Did he have a Twin Beach (?) or access or use of a Twin Beach (?) at this time?

A. Twin Beach (?) ? Not that I know of.

Q. Have you ever known him to fly a Twin Beach (?) out at the Airport?

A. No.

Q. Was he ever much on firearms, guns?

A. Oh, we'd use some. I think he had some we were using for drill to practice for C.A.P. I think he had a .38 that he kept for protection; only I never knew that he had it loaded.

Q. What about the time you were staying with him around the time of the assassination when you were rooming with him up in this area? Did he make any comments about the assassination to you?

A. No, no, this is what wasn't clear to me. I don't actually accurately remember whether I had seen him or not. Apparently I hadn't, I though I had. I really don't remember. But I do remember that he was feeling pretty much the way everybody else was about the assassination that the President was shot and the tragedy.

Q. Who did he go to Houston with?

A. And this I don't know. This I don't know.

Q. In other words, you had full adapt (?) prior to the date of the assassination?

A. No, because I remember when I was released when I was arrested that Sunday Night, two days later and when I was released, I remember going back there.

Q. Was he there?

A. No. I don't think I saw anyone. Oh, let's see. I seem to remember staying home from (inaudible) the next day.

Q. Who were you working for at the time?

A. New Orleans Book Manufacturing Company (?)

Q. You don't think you were actually rooming there at the time?

A. Yes, the best I can remember.

Q. LAYTON, what was the first time you saw FERRIE after your arrest on Sunday Night? Remember, you said you took off the next day? When was the first time you saw FERRIE afterthat?

A. I don't recall. It was about a week, it was over a week and a couple of days. I really don't remember.

Q. Well, how long after this did you leave FERRIE'S apartment and no longer live there?

A. Within a week.

Q. Within a week, that Sunday, that week?

A. Yes.

Q. And where did you move to?

A. 522 Dumaine.

Q. Do you know a person by the name TOMMY COMPTON (?) ?

A. Yes, yes.

Q. Was he a friend of FERRIE'S about this time?

A. Yes and no, yes and no, they were friends, FERRIE used to (inaudible) for running around the way he did, COMPTON (?) almost got in some sort of trouble and I think he wound up MEL COFFEE got the trouble. I think MEL COFFEE was the cause of it.

Q. MELVIN COFFEE, is the one you are talking about?

A. Right, right.

Q. The one who made the trip with him, augurated the newspapers to Houston?

A. Right, right.

Q. AL BEAUBOUEF was pretty close to him ar this time?

A. That's correct.

Q. Were they more or less in the apartment quite often about this time?

A. No, as a matter of fact, I can't picture MEL doing anything more than going for a ride, I guess; I don't know what his association was, he was just a friend of DAVE'S.

Q. Do you know this gentlemen here?

A. That's ARCACHA.

Q. SERGIO ARCACHA? When did you last see SERGIO ARCACHA?

A. I last saw ARCACHA, let's see, well, it would have been in '61, I suppose around September.

Q. '61?

A. Right. I would have gone back to the University.

Q. He was pretty active in the anti-Castro movement about that time, wasn't he?

A. Right. ARCACHA was with the Provincial Government actually.

Q. Who made a trip to Houma with him one time? SERGIO?

A. I don't know with ARCACHA. Not that I recall.

Q. You know this man here?

A. Is that ANDY BLACKMAN?

Q. Where did you meet him?

A. I met him through FERRIE.

Q. You remember about what time you met BLACKMAN with FERRIE?

A. Oh, that would have been not long, probably just weeks before I was arrested in '61. I think I was with this fellow when I was arrested.

Q. Did he stay at FERRIE'S apartment about this time?

A. For a short time, maybe for a few days he did.

Q. Do you recall making a trip to Houma, Louisiana, with a Laundry Truck?

A. No.

Q. In '61? Did you ever go any where with ARCACHA AND BLACKMAN?

A. No, we may have been together, I think ANDY OR ARCACHA was probably in the office at the Balter Building, I don't remember taking any trips.

Q. You say ARCACHA'S office is in the Balter Building?

A. That's correct.

Q. Was this during the crusade to free Cuba?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever been to Houma, Louisiana?

A. Yes, I've driven through it.

Q. Have you ever been to the Blimp Base (?) there?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall about this time helping ARCACHA and BLACKMAN loading any ammunition to ships to Cuba or rather to Miami Beach to get to Castro?

A. No.

Q. What's the other gentlemen's name? Novel? GORDEN NOVEL?

A. No. I think I answered that before.

Q. Have you ever seen this man or anyone of these man's pictures before?

A. Yes, yes, that's JULIAN.

Q. When did you see him?

A. I saw JULIAN usually at ARCACHA'S office. He was one of the kids unfortunately in the invasion. I think he saw his parents shot down in front of him and he was with ARCACHA and he may or may not have come to the United States with ARCACHA. I don't recall but I usually saw him in the presence of ARCACHA.

Q. Did you ever see him in the presence of Dave FERRIE?

A. Yes, well, right there.

Q. Well, I mean, were you there when this picture was taken?

A. No.

Q. Do you recognize, it may be a little difficult. Do you recognize the aircraft in the background? It is not much of a picture of one.

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you saw JULIAN?

A. Oh, It was probably around the last time I saw ARCACHA. That would have been December of '61, I think.

Q. Have you ever seen JULIAN at DAVE'S apartment?

A. Not that I recall. He may have been there. He may have visited there but he didn't frequent the place. I don't really ever recall seeing him there.

Q. Where was DAVE living about the time you recall seeing JULIAN?

A. That was in '61. That would be probably after the (inaudible)

Q. Do you recall seeing DAVE with any other Cubans besides ARCACHA and JULIAN?

A. Oh, there was one other fellow known only to me as ARESTEES (phonetically spelled). ARESTEES was a contact for the underground, the anti-Castro underground. It is still operating in Cuba after the (inaudible)

Q. What's ARESTEES name, (inaudible) or do you recall?

A. I don't recall.

Q. What did he look like?

A. Short, thin, dark hari, Spanish looking.

Q. Did you ever know a man by the name, his first name as MANUEL about this time or any time subsequent to it?

A. MANUEL, no.

Q. Have you ever been with or have you ever known of any trips that DAVE made in Dallas, Texas?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any trips that he made in Dallas, Texas? Did he fly quite a bit, say around '63?

A. No, I think it was '63, because he couldn't afford, his financial problems couldn't afford to keep him home then. We used to like to fly. DAVE taught me how to fly a little bit.

Q. You don't recall DAVE having any roommate around '63 besides when you were there in November?

A. No, AL was around quite a bit. He lived with his folks.

Q. You're talking about AL LANDRY or AL BEAUBOUEF?

A. AL BEAUBOUEF.

Q. But he did entertain quite a few people up there?

A. Yes, just some of the gang, you know.

Q. Yes. At this time, you don't recall seeing any strange faces up there?

A. No.

Q. What nights of the week did you generally go over there?

A. Any night.

Q. Well, you mean you didn't have a habit of going on Wednesdays or Thursdays?

A. No. At that time I would probably have been at his house most of the time but I just associated.

Q. How did DAVE make a living during this time?

A. I think he was working for WRAY GILL.

Q. That was where he was getting his income from?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of car did DAVE have when you were roommating with him?

A. Let's see, I am trying to remember, at thattime, he had a green '60 Ford and then I think he had a station wagon some time from then.

Q. That's the one he took to Houston?

A. Well,

Q. You don't know, do you?

A. I understand that's what the news concluded saying something like that.

Q. Do you know of any reason why you were his roommate at this time and why you didn't go to Houston with him?

A. I guess cause nobody said anything to me, I don't know.

Q. You didn't know he was going to Houston?

A. No.

Q. Did you think it strange?

A. That he went to Houston?

Q. That he went without telling you?

A. Not necessarily, he would be going out of town all the time while I was working.

Q. He went to Guatamala a few times during that period?

A. Gosh, I don't know.

Q. You don't know where he went during this time? He never kept you posted on any itinerary he kept around?

A. Oh, well, I think when they were working on the MARCELLO Case, we were talking aboutthat. The more I hear about it, I remember he would be going out of town whatever traveling he was doing for that.

Q. Well, I take it, I didn't go out of town too much on September of '63 when you went over to his house a couple times a week? Was he always there when you went over there?

A. Usually, usually, no, let's see, I had a key for two weeks that I stayed there and I guess he was there, someone was there.

Q. Well, you are talking about November now. I am talking about earlier than that in September. Did you have a key in September too?

A. No. When I left there, I guess he was there, I saw him there.

Q. Was COMPTON around there about this time?

A. Let's see, September of '63. Yes, probably. "old TOMMY, I wonder whatever happened to him?"

Q. He is in school.

A. He is still in school?

Q. Career of it.

A. Somebody's taking longer than I am anyway. (laughing)

Q. About this trip to Houma that you, no you are not familiar with this, remember I asked you about the trip with the laundry truck? Have you made a trip down to Houma with a State Body Truck?

A. I don't ever remember making a trip to Houma with FERRIE or ARCACHA.

Q. Can you ever remember going to a warehouse of an oil company down in Houma?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever drive a truck of any description about that time, that would be, say August of '61?

A. I don't recall. I don't think so.

Q. You can drive?

A. Yes.

Q. You could drive then?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have a car now.

A. Yes.

Q. What kind?

A. '59 Buick.

Q. Did you have a car back in '63 when you were hanging around with DAVE?

A. No.

Q. Did you have one when you were in the C.A.P.?

A. No.

Q. Back in '61, '62, when you participated in this Cuban organization with ARCACHA, did you know of any that owned a Lincoln automobile?

A. Let's see, this is in '61. A Lincoln, no.

Q. And you know we asked you if you know a GORDON NOVEL?

A. No. I never heard of him until you mentioned his name.

Q. Do you know a CARLOS QUIROGO?

A. CARLOS QUIROGO. Did you mention that name to me before? I don't recall it, I don't think so.

Q. Did you ever attend any meetings with ARCACHA?

A. Yes.

Q. A lot of Cubans present?

A. No, there were a room of a lot of people present with anything to do with the organization just taking place.

Q. Do you know GUY BANNISTER?

A. Yes.

Q. How did you meet GUY BANNISTER?

A. I think I met GUY BANNISTER either through FERRIE or ARCACHA.

Q. In what connection did you meet him?

A. This was in connection with the (?) ARCACHA'S accusation.

Q. Did you see him on one occa sion or more than one occasion?

A. A number of occasions.

Q. And where did you see him?

A. At his office.

Q. At his office? Did you ever see any Cubans in there besides ARCACHA at the time you met him at his office?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever see BANNISTER at FERRIE'S apartment?

A. I don't recall. I may have seen him there.

Q. He knew DAVE?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been in BANNISTER'S office with DAVE?

A. Yes.

Q. You know what business DAVE had up there?

A. Ah, let's see, I am trying to get this straight. From what I understand now, FERRIE was supposedly working for BANNISTER. This is what I get from the news. As far as I know, BANNISTER was (?) in for a deed. He was actually hired (?).

Q. What was the (?) deed?

A. ....., which was the Provisional Government of Cuba, a government recognized by the United States.

Q. At this time ARCACHA was (?) did not hear, is that correct?

A. Right.

Q. During this time, did they set up any type of school or training?

A. No, I've heard this part through news and just questioning and from all....there was not a training camp here.

Q. Did you know of any training camp in this area?

A. No.

Q. There was no talk about this during this time?

A. No. There may have been something in Miami but this is nothing to me because I have never been to Miami.

Q. Do you know RICARDO DAVIS?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever hear anybody mention this name? Is the name familiar to you?

A. I really d on't know. I might even know the guy if I saw him or a picture of him, but I don't recall him.

Q. Did you meet any people through ARCACHA?

A. Well, I met his wife and his family and one of his friends.

Q. Do you remember when the Federal Government found..... of explosives across the lake?

A. I remember hearing about this in the news, yes.

Q. When I say this, do you remember back in '63 when you heard about it, I mean '61?

A. No, I am talking about now, just recently.

Q. When you read the paper, did you record anything about remembering back then when it happened?

A. No.

Q. Did anybody discuss it?

A. Not as far as I know, it had nothing to do with the F.R.D., as far as I know.

Q. About how many times did you see GUY BANNISTER during this time when you were associated with ARCACHA?

A. On several occasions. I can't give you a number.

Q. What part did BANNISTER play in this thing with ARCACHA? How was he helping?

A. Apparently just as an informant in this professional capacity as an investigator.

Q. Do you know anybody else besides yourself who knew both CLAY SHAW and DAVE FERRIE?

A. No. I can't establish the link between the two. I don't see where they ever knew each other.

Q. But I mean, of course we know.....? But I mean do you know anybody else besides yourself that may have known both of them?

A. Well, BANNISTER could have, may have, I don't know (inaudible) BEAUBOUEF told me that he died, I didn't even know that. I know FERRIE knows a lot of people, but I don't know of anyone you may have known both of them.

Q. Did you know a colored male, CHARLES DANIELS?

A. No.

Q. Did you know any colored males through CLAY SHAW?

A. No. He had a colored maid.

Q. Other than that, you don't know?

A. No.

Q. And where did you say you first met CLAY SHAW?

A. Mardi Gras '65.

Q. You recall who was with him at the time or was he by himself?

A. I think he was by himself.

Q. And he had the black robe on? Did he have anything else besides the robe on? What was he supposed to be?

A. A monk.

Q. A monk?

A. Yes, he had this black thing on and a hood and a rope around it.

Q. Was he carrying chains with him too?

A. He could have been, I don't remember.

Q. Could you describe this outfit?

A. He looked liked a monk. He looked liked the guy on Robin Hood with this small black cape, you know.

Q. Can you describe SHAW'S apartment for us?

A, It is very elaborate, it is a nice place. Apparently many of his business associates are giving him things. He was a collector. He fancies this oriental furniture and some provincial.

Q. Does this place on Dauphine Street have a patio?

A. Yes.

Q. And downstairs, was there a living room and a kitchen?

A. You go down a little hall and there is the living room and then the kitchen and then you go upstairs?

Q. What's upstairs?

A. I don't know, I guess just a bedroom. I've only been up there once to watch a news report.

Q. That's where he has his T.V.?

A. Yes.

Q. When you were in the bedroom, did you notice any 2 x 4 racks running across the ceiling?

A. No.

Q. (Inaudible) Did you know that FERRIE was fooling around with chemistry or anything like that, that kind of stuff?

A. FERRIE was the kind of guy who would probably be good at anything he tried. And he had quite a mind. I was talking with his mother once and he apparently suffered some long illness when he was a child and she told me he was around twelve years old and for a couple of years there he couldn't do anything but read. That's all he did. I con't know how long but apparently he accumulated quite a bit of knowledge He was interested in everything.

Q. Did he ever show you any of the things he invented or fooled around with?

A. He invented?

Q. Yes. Like a rocket fuel, did he talk to you about that?

A. Oh, it was processed by a rocket fuel laboratory.

Q. That was at Cape Caneveral?

A. Yes, I remember once he told me that when he was a kid, he his brother, and some of their friends built this thing then set this damn thing up in the yard and said it was snowing and it was back in Cleveland. They lit this damn thing, they said it took off across the street, wiped out about ten feet off behind it and wrecked his neighbors garage across the street.

Q. Do you recognize any of this stuff in that picture?

A. No.

Q. (inaudible) Recognize anything in this picture?

A. No.

Q. At any time did you see any of that stuff or anything similar to that in SHAW'S apartment when you went out there? How about this?

A. Yes, that looks quite similar.

Q. Is that the chest board you all played?

A. He's got oriental pieces.

Q. Do you recognize that bed?

A. Yes, that would upstairs. Let's see this card here, it should be over here.

Q. And this is the stairway going up and walking this way?

A. Yes, that's the way.

Q. Is this the picture of the patio?

A. Yes, that's it. It has got the roof out here. It has got a fish pond in there and a flower garden.

Q. Do you recall those hooks in the bedroom?

A. No.

Q. Do you recall that eagle or that general scene there?

A. No.

Q. What was the last time you were in CLAY SHAW'S apartment?

A. I guess it was a day after he was questioned here in December, December past '66.

Q. What was the conversation you had?

A. Oh, I stopped by and asked what was that all about, you know.

Q. What was the response, do you recall what he said?

A. ~~Yes, he said I don't know, they~~ claim OSWALD knew someone named SHAW (CLAY) living in the French Quarter and asked me if it was me. I told them it wasn't me.

Q. That's about the extent of it?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you stay there very long?

A. No. Just a few minutes.

Q. And you said you have only been upstairs once in his apartment that you can remember to watch a news cast?

A. Right. I think it was a symphony broadcast or something. The T.V. was up there so we went up there and watched it.

Q. (inaudible)

A. Oh, may be last summer

Q. You can't give us any of the names of SHAW'S acquaintances that you met through him or anyone that you met him through that might become an acquaintance such as yourself?

A. No. Not off hand. I usually just played chest with CLAY.

Q. Were you alone with him when you were playing chest or was there ever anybody there?

A. His maid was usually there.

Q. What past of the house did you play chest with him in?

A. In the living room

Q. Have you ever seen OSWALD?

A. Other than in the pictures in the newspapers, no.

Q. Have you ever seen him in person?

A. No, I never even heard of him until the assassination.

Q. Did DAVE ever talk about him?

A. About OSWALD? As far as I know, DAVE didn't know him. I never heard him mention him of never seen him with him or seen him around.

Q. How about CLAY? CLAY SHAW?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever heard the name CLAY BERTRAND before?

A. Yes, you asked me about it, MR. GARRISON asked me in December. I never heard it before then.

Q. Did CLAY SHAW ever mention the name to you when he was asking you or when he was talking to you in December of '66 about our questioning him about a man by the name of CLAY?

A. No, never. I had never heard the name. He never used the name.

Q. You only know him as CLAY SHAW?

A. Right.

Q. Do you know DEAN ANDREWS?

A. Well, I've seen his picture.

Q. No, I mean, do you know him personally?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever been at the International Trade Mart?

A. Yes.

Q. When was that?

A. Well, a couple of vacations, a girlfriend's mother worked there and I used to st op in and she her. I used to tell her hello. I did some soliciting there for funds for the F.R.D. and I went once with CLAY to see the plans for the new building.

Q. When was that?

A. That would have been probably in June, year before last.

Q. June '65?

A. I guess so. I needed a summer job then and I figured CLAY would know somebody.

Q. Did he get you one?

A. Yes, he did. He called down one day and I got a job at the post office for a summer job.

Q. Here in the city? You are speaking (?) ?

A. Right.

Q. Did you recall in soliciting these funds for this Cuban Organization, go into CLAY SHAW'S office and solicit him in the Mart?

A. No, I didn't know him then.

Q. Did DAVE go up to the Mart with you to solicit funds?

A. No, no, FERRIE was spokesman for the organization and I did most of the soliciting, actual money gathering.

Q. (inaudible)?

A. ARCACHA

Q. To your knowledge, have you ever seen DAVE in or around the Trade Mart?

A. No.

Q. ~~BANNISTER'S office was far from there, wasn't it?~~

A. Let's see, BANNISTER'S over by the old post office.

Q. That's where you were working in the summer at the post office in the main one?

A. No, this was this summer before last, '65.

Q. But when you had this job that SHAW got you through SENATOR ELLINGTOR, you were working in the main post office on Camp Street?

A. No, no, the new building, the Federal Building right off Loyola.

Q. Is there any more questions? Is DAVE FERRIE homosexual?

A. I really don't know, I don't think so. He never indicated it to me and not to anyone else. We would talk about it we would walk down to DAVE'S house, abunch of young guys but he never acted like it. He never indicated anything.

Q. What about CLAY SHAW?

A. I don't know. I have heard or rumors. Not to me. I don't know.

Q. Who did you hear the rumors by?

A. A press reporter, apparently the press found out where I am somehow. They think I am involved, so reporters have been showing up in Lafayette this week.

Q. They knew you knew CLAY SHAW?

A. Apparently so.

Q. Have you talked to anybody else about this other than us?

A. About this whole thing?

Q. Any part of it?

A. Yes, I have discussed it with AL BEAUBOUEF and I discussed it with my roommate in Lafayette and I talked with some reporters, these guys were nice and I didn't want to give them the whole thing but I told them about it.

Q. Did you talk to any agencies such as the FBI?

A. No, no, we made no contact with them.

Q. I am going to ask you this, with your attorney here of course, have you ever talked to the FBI about this?

A. Oh, yes. I gave them a statement back in '63.

Q. Back in '63? Yes, but I mean recently, have you talked to them?

A. No, no.

Q. LAYTON, let me ask you this while MILTON is here, what we have been doing, and I am not going to say that we will do

it in this case, we have been asking some witnesses to take a pologrаph or a lit detector test on what they told us.

A. I took one the last time I was here.

Q. But, did they....this particular area?

A. Yes, concerning the same situation.

Q. I believe last time (inaudible) your knowledge of the trip that DAVE FERRIE made to Houston back in November of '63, (inaudible)?

A. (inaudible) about ferrie what was going on at the time, (inaudible)

Q. Was anything covered with CLAY SHAW?

A. None.

Q. Well, will you be willing to take a polograph examination? We're not trying to be mysterious about the whole thing, but would rather we turn this thing off and you discuss it with us.

A. TURN IF OFF!!!